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Army Sounds Call For 90,000 WAACs

Urgently needed, at once! 90,000 more WAACs.

That's the Army's forceful answer to the question, "Have WAACs made good?" After the initial four-week training period the first enrolled auxiliaries went right to work in a variety of essential Army jobs. That was six months ago and it was frankly up to the women to show how useful they could be.

The proof was demonstrated quickly. Generals began to flood Headquarters with requests for more and more WAACs. "The WAACs have done a great job!" they all reported back. "Send more as quickly as possible."

"Women can do innumerable Army tasks as well or better than men," said General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, echoing the universal enthusiasm of Army officers over the WAACs' superb performance on every type of duty assigned them.

Now 60,000 WAACs are tackling important Army jobs or are in training. And 30,000 more WAACs are needed immediately to fill specific assignments. Already the Army has established schools to train WAACs to fill 142 different types of specialist jobs—each requiring expert training in courses that read like a college curriculum and each providing valuable educational preparation for jobs after the war. Radio, photography, weather observation, secret codes, drafting, airplane mechanics, motor vehicle mechanics and training as medical technicians are just a few of the important fields in which WAACs will receive instruction that would cost a great deal of money for a civilian to secure.

"Your fighting men need you now," is the slogan of the all-out recruiting drive which the Army is launching to enroll 90,000 WAACs before July 1 to fill vitally important war jobs. Every woman, who is a healthy American citizen over the age of 21 and under 45, is eligible if she is without dependents. She may be single or she may be married if her children are not under 14.

Every woman in this special group who can join the WAAC is urged to go to the nearest WAAC recruiting station at once to get full details on how to join. Or she may get full information by mailing in the coupon from the WAAC ads appearing in this newspaper.

Decree Proclaims 'Lily of Mohawks' Heroism of Virtues

VATICAN CITY.—The decree proclaiming the heroism of the virtues of Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," has been published in Acta Apostolicae Sedis of the date of May 16.

ST. GERARD THE PATRON OF MOTHERS

By Rev. Thomas B. Roche, C.S.S.R.

This department of the CATHOLIC COURIER is dedicated to a more wide-spread devotion to St. Gerard Majella, the humble Redemptorist lay-brother, who has been rightly called the "Wonder-worker" of the present age.

During his years on earth Brother Gerard Majella was lost in the obscurity of the hidden life as lived by any serving brother in a religious community. Since his death God has drawn him from the ranks of the unknown; raised him to the honor and dignity of public sanctity, honored his relics by a place on our holy altars, and made his name a benediction to many in pain and affliction.

In addition to his heroic sanctity and the history of his unusual life, the fame of St. Gerard has been enhanced by the countless miracles wrought through his intercession.

The influence of St. Gerard has been made manifest principally in the safe delivery of God's newborn creatures and in the graces necessary for a difficult but worthy confession. Instances without number are on record of successful deliveries under difficult circumstances; of unfortunate sinners brought to a good confession after years of sacrilegious concealment of sin—all through the intercession of St. Gerard.

Our one aim and purpose is to promote the honor and glory of God; the relief and betterment of mankind through the holy example and miraculous intercession of St. Gerard Majella. By means of the printed word we hope to bring information and inspiration to the thousands we cannot reach by the human voice.

May God and St. Gerard bless our efforts and harken to the prayers of suppliant clients.

A booklet of novena prayers and special devotions will gladly be given the friends and clients of St. Gerard by his Redemptorist Confessors upon request in person or in writing: St. Gerard's Sanctuary, 2746 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Penna.

'Lady Of Burlesque' Film Cleaned Up Some

NEW YORK.—The Legion of Decency has revised its classification of the motion picture "Lady of Burlesque." The Legion has now placed the production in the "R" or objectionable in part classification.

Following conferences between officials of the Legion, United Artists executives, and Mr. Hunt Bronsberg, producer of the picture, the original objections have been so revised as to now warrant this change in classification.

We Have The Answer

"The only trouble with Christianity," says G. B. Shaw, "is that it has never yet been tried."

Mr. Shaw is mistaken, and any well informed Catholic could tell him so. Christianity, of course, is Catholicism, although it may include, as its sister fringes, right minded non-Catholics who believe with us that Jesus was God and who are sincerely anxious to do His will. That left out Modernists, Liberal Protestants, Aesthetics, Naturalists, and the devotees of a merely ethical culture.

Yes, Mr. Shaw, Christianity has been tried, and Christianity has proved itself better able to cope with the problems of individuals and society than all the bungling philosophies concocted since then. It was not until the Thirteenth Century that the Church finally had society in order; but when that day came... What a beautiful picture! No wars of any consequence, the farmers at peace on the land, industry organized into pious guilds, art flourishing as in Greece under Pericles, and knowledge—knowledge reaching new heights in St. Thomas.

John Herman Randall, Jr. of Columbia University, whose book "The Making of the Modern Mind" is required reading in many a university, course throughout the country, is a scholarly gentleman with a most unscholarly lack of appreciation for our Church. But even he—regarding both Catholicism and Protestantism as evils, Catholicism as the worse—even he is forced to treat our St. Thomas with respect; the Thomistic synthesis is "the most impressive achievement of rational integration in the Western tradition; and many in search of some clear pattern in the midst of relativities and confusion have turned to it, in the hope that principles once successfully might prove so again... Thomism has had an appeal in England and America far beyond the Catholic Church; to many of the major unifying faiths competing today, it has remained the least destructive of hard-won values. Certainly the Church has been the most vigorous defender of the older ideals of personal relationships, against the shifting pattern of sexual morality and the claims of political totalitarianism alike."—p. 549.

Once successful! But St. Thomas only elaborated the teachings of Jesus, who was God, and who laid down principles for the happiness of the human heart which he, and will be, fundamentally the same as it has ever been. That means that we Catholics have the answer and that, like the Apostles on that first Pentecost, we are bound by Our Lord's command to teach it to the whole world by our word and example.—Rev. Richard Glazier.

Dr. Taylor Urges Christian Unity

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Collaboration of Christians everywhere in responding to the new crusade proclaimed by Pope Pius XII to "lead the nations back from the broken altars of material and selfish interests to the living fountain of divine justice," was urged by Dr. Hugh Scott Taylor, chairman of the chemistry department of Princeton University and a member of the Pontifical Academy of Science, in his address to the graduates at Albertus Magnus College here.

Labor Unions Gather Living Cost Data

MONTREAL.—Throughout Quebec, representatives of the Catholic Labor Unions are gathering statistics on the cost of living. A list of 47 articles besides rent will be checked each week and checked against Federal Statistics. This list is the one on which Ottawa authorities establish their periodic cost of living index. For some time union officials, Catholic and others, have maintained the Ottawa system does not work out according to actual costs and does not indicate the increase. This check is of vital importance to labor men as the official cost of living index set in Ottawa determines what cost of living bonuses are paid.

See, when their consent to the service of God stand in justice and in fear, and prepare thy soul for temptation.—Ecclesiastes 1:1.